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 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-6
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-6
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-6
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2. Citations and explanations

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- 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 5-6
- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of **claim 1 is not new** in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
Document D1 discloses (see figures 1-6)(the references in parentheses applying to this document):

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3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-4

Dependent claims 2-4 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT). See the following notes:

Claim 2: see D1, col.3, lines 51-55 or col.4, lines 8-10

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